

HEAL Utah

Our history, mission and key issues



HEAL's History & Work

- Born in late1990s out of concerns about toxic/ nuclear burden in West Desert
- Work has evolved to focus statewide on nuclear/ energy issues, with consistent focus on EnergySolutions
- Best-known successes:
 - Banned hotter B&C wastes.
 - Kept out foreign nuclear waste.
 - Helped defeat Private Fuel Storage proposal.
 - Halted shipments of depleted uranium.

HEAL Today

- A grassroots citizen advocacy organization with approximately 6,000 supporters
- Staff of four; hundreds of volunteers
- Channels activism of supporters into regulatory and legislative arenas
- Reach tens of thousands of Utahns each year at rallies, community events, classrooms, festivals, farmers' markets and more

HEAL and the RCB

- Often brief the board on key current issues
- Have occasionally approached Board to adopt new rules or policy statements on key issues
- One example: Board in Nov. 2009 enacted rule to bar future shipments of depleted uranium until the state determines disposal of large quantities of DU is safe
- One of Board's key remaining roles, post-DEQ
 Board bills, is rulemaking and enacting policies

Key issues RCB will face

- Blended waste and the B&C ban loophole
- Depleted uranium
- Class A West expansion
- Implementing recommendations from state audits
- HEAL staff would like to meet with board members to informally discuss key issues. Among board's statutory roles is to "advise, consult, cooperate with....affected groups, political subdivisions, industries, and other persons"



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